

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated September 13, 2004. At the time the Examiner issued the Office Action claims 1-28 were pending, and claims 10-28 were withdrawn from consideration. By this amendment, claims 1, 3, and 7 have been amended to expedite prosecution. Claims 2 and 10-28 have been cancelled without prejudice. New claims 29-34 have been added. Claims 1, 3-9 and 29-34 are pending.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated claims 2 and 7 contain patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of a base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of original claim 2. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claims 1 and 7 are patentable and are in condition for allowance. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 4-6, 8, and 9 depend from claim 1, and therefore are also in condition for allowance.

New claims 29-34 are identical to original claims 3-6, 8, and 9, except that they depend from amended claim 7. Therefore, these new dependent claims are also patentable and are in condition for allowance.

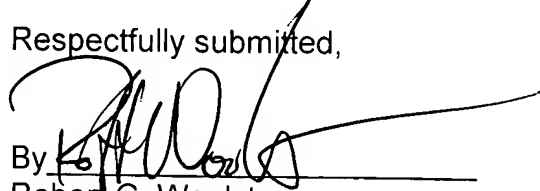
In the Office Action, claim 3 was objected to because the Examiner asserted that the phrase "the asymmetrical building component" in line 2 has insufficient antecedent basis. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Dependent claim 3 originally depended from claim 2, which recited at line 3 "an asymmetrical building component." The features of original claim 2 are now incorporated into claim 1, and claim 3 depends from claim 1. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the phrase "asymmetrical building component" in claim 3 does have sufficient antecedent basis and therefore is condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, the claims pending in the application comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and patentably define over the applied art. A notice of

allowance is, therefore, respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at 206-359-3259.

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